

JOHNSON

C. F. Hayford has returned from Boston and Worcester.

The "Open Forum" met at the Cong'l parsonage Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Mattie Westover and daughter from North Hyde Park are guests of Mrs. Archie Pratt.

Tickets are on sale at the Drug Store for Gentlemen's Night of the Oread Club, Friday evening, Jan. 20.

Grange meeting this week Thursday evening. Everyone come and be surprised is that is to be a surprise meeting.

The Johnson Garage has been sold by Holmes and Balch to parties from Hardwick. Possession is to be given March 1.

"Nothing but the Truth" is to be presented by the faculty in the near future. Be on the lookout for further announcements.

Mrs. H. W. Peck was called to Rutland Monday to attend the funeral of her nephew, Earle Manning, who died very suddenly.

Miss Minnie Sweet of New Bedford, Mass., song leader and soloist, is expected to be present for the revival services which are being held in the Nazarene church.

The Delta Alpha class met at the home of Miss Evelyn Hill last Thursday evening. A business session was followed by a social time. The rooms were tastefully decorated in green and gold colors. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess. The next meeting will be with Miss Hila Conys. Date to be announced later.

Johnson School Notes

Mid-year examinations will be given Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The training class gave a very enjoyable social last Wednesday evening at the Normal Hall.

Three cups have been received by the State Judging team, which competed at the State Fair last fall. The cups won are 1st Grand Cup given to the team scoring the highest number of points, the Avshire Cup and the Potato Cup. The team was composed of Russell Sinclair, Roswell Stearns, Franklin Hopper, Rupert Scribner, and Roger Richards.

More pupils are desired for the Prize Speaking contest.

Russell Sinclair, Rupert Scribner, Burleigh Smalley and Clifford Jaynes attended the Order Boys' Y. M. C. A. State Conference at Barre on Friday and Saturday.

Several gifts have been made to the School Library. The schools can use to good advantage any old magazines which you have read. We will be glad to call for them if you will call the school.

The complete results of the State Project Club of Lamoille County show that all prizes but one come to Johnson. The Johnson winners are garden, Roger Perkins; canning, Olive Clark, Marjorie Shene and Clara Stiles; poultry, Maurice Washer, Stanley Perkins, Lincoln Burleson; cooking, Ruth Washer.

Meeting of Ladies Aid

The annual meeting for the election of officers for the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church was held Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Frank Miller. The officers elected were as follows: President,

Mrs. Frank Miller; vice-presidents, Mrs. Belle Kneeland, Mrs. Emma Hodgkins and Miss Myrtle Cunningham; secretary, Mrs. N. J. Perry; treasurer, Mrs. M. P. Gray.

Miss Anna Oakes, who reached her 80th birthday Wednesday, Jan. 11, was guest of honor and was presented a Sunshine Box. A short poem written by Ruth Stiles was read by Mrs. Frank Heath. A large birthday cake served with ice cream was provided by the hostess. It was an enjoyable occasion.

Methodist Church

The Ladies Aid Society had a most successful meeting at the home of Mrs. Frank Miller on Thursday last. Great pleasure was manifest at the good work the society has accomplished during the year. The painting of both church and parsonage this year is due to the energy and push of this society. Officers for the ensuing year were elected. A very pleasing part of the proceedings was the presentation of a surprise box to Miss Anna Oakes, who had attained her 80th birthday the day before. The box was presented by Mrs. Frank Heath, Miss Oakes responding suitably.

Prayer Meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. at Miss Barton's house. The Standard Bearers meet on Thursday at Miss Barton's. The Missionary Committee of the Christian Endeavor has arranged a Pageant for Thursday evening, in the Cong'l church.

Services on Sunday next as follows:

Morning Worship at 10:45 a. m.

Sunday School at 12:00

Evening preaching and Endeavor Services in the Cong'l church.

Nazarene Church

The revival meetings, with Rev. S. W. Beers of Malden, Mass., as evangelist began Friday night with good attendance and interest. There will be a service each night this week at 7:30. On Thursday there will be an all-day meeting; a service in the morning at ten, at two in the afternoon and 7:30 in the evening. Any coming from out of town will be entertained. Arrangements will be made for any wishing to stay over night.

Miss Minnie Sweet of New Bedford, Mass., is expected to arrive the first of the week. She will remain throughout the series of meetings, acting as song leader and special soloist.

Congregational Church

The annual meeting of the church and society was well attended last Friday. About 125 sat down to supper. Reports from the various departments revealed a flourishing condition of the church. Among the new appointments might be mentioned DeForest Collins as deacon, Mrs. French as chorister and E. E. Holmes as head usher.

New hymn books for the evening service and other meetings will soon be ordered. It was decided to assist financially the State S. S. Association in securing a Ford car for Mr. Robbins, secretary.

Land of Monks.

According to Archibald Little, monks constitute one-third of the total male population of Tibet.

MARRIED 50 YEARS

Colonel and Mrs. A. A. Niles Celebrate Wedding Anniversary

One of the most important social events of the winter season to the people of the Puffer Methodist Episcopal Church was the golden wedding anniversary of Col. and Mrs. A. A. Niles, which was held at the Methodist Episcopal Church parlors on the evening of January 10. Willing hands had made the rooms attractive with festoons in gold and white and an occasional flag. Couch covers, pillows and rugs gave a cozy, home-like appearance to the place. An orchestra, composed of Mrs. A. M. Lawson, pianist, A. M. Lawson, violinist, Harold Taylor, trumpet, Raymond Ellis, clarinet, and James King, slide trombone, played as the guests arrived and during the evening added very greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion. After a number of guests had arrived, Charles Raymore was delegated to go across the street and invite Mr. and Mrs. Niles over to the church. As the bride and groom of 50 years entered the room Mrs. Lawson played Lohengrin's "Wedding March," and they were conducted to easy chairs placed for them. They were assisted in receiving by Mrs. Lulu Spaulding, Logan Niles and J. Frank Jackson.

Illness prevented Mrs. Jackson from being present and this was much regretted by all and especially hard for her, as she had looked forward and planned so much for this celebration. Mr. Jackson remained only for the reception.

At the right of Mr. and Mrs. Niles upon a stand was a bouquet of yellow and white flowers, with streamers of silver and gold, a gift to father and mother from the children. Over their heads was suspended a large wedding bell in gold, and white and as Mrs. Niles was seated a beautiful bride's bouquet of pink roses and buds was handed her. This was also entwined with "silver threads among the gold" and was a gift from her brother Charles H. Bradley of Boston, who showed such tender thoughtfulness for this occasion in many ways although unable himself to be present.

A golden spirit seemed to permeate the room as the following program was given, every number being perfectly rendered: Selection by the orchestra. An original poem was read by Mrs. J. R. Parker and it was certainly fine and she did not have much time to think it out, either. Then Mrs. Charles Raymore, with a voice as sweet and clear as a golden bell sang "Each Thought of You." Mrs. A. W. Waite accompanying. Miss Nita Ellis next took her place at the piano and played softly, while T. B. Ellis recited "Jennie Lee and Willie Grey." Mr. Ellis is always heartily received but this effort was made especially interesting by the addition of two original verses appropriate to the occasion. A letter from Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cheney was read, which also fitted in well, as they can recall as few, if any others can, the earlier days and doings of the guests of honor even when they were Albert Niles and Clara Bradley. The orchestra entertained the company with a fine selection at this time.

The Rev. W. T. Best, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, spoke a few words of appreciation of the work Mr. and Mrs. Niles had done for the church these many years; their interest and helpfulness in the church and all its activities; then, in behalf of the church, he presented to them a box of gold coins.

Mr. Niles feelingly responded with a few words. Mrs. Niles, in a happy manner, recalled the earlier days of church life and voiced their heart-felt gratitude to all who had in any way aided in making their golden wedding day so full of joy.

Mrs. Carrie Lawson sang, "Dear Heart, We're Growing Old," in such a tender way that one could not help feeling glad to be counted among those who were growing old. Mrs. Edna Skinner, Messrs. Lawson and Ward joined her in the chorus and "growing old together" seemed like a rich and golden experience.

The Hon. F. Gled Fleetwood kindly consented to take the next place upon the program. He said it hardly seemed appropriate for one who was born a bachelor, had achieved bachelorhood and had bachelorhood thrust upon him, as he conceded he had, to be chosen to address those who had passed 50 years of married happiness. But we deemed it wiser to grasp the present opportunity of hearing this golden-tongued orator rather than wait until he had experienced the joy of his own golden wedding anniversary. He certainly received the closest attention of all present. At the close of his remarks he presented to Mr. and Mrs. Niles "a golden casket containing 50 golden dollars from a golden-hearted man."

This man was Charles Bradley and this is only one of his many golden deeds. Mr. Fleetwood also presented a golden envelope containing gold pieces from the children, "whose love for father and mother, the mist of years could never dim."

The program was informally closed by singing "America" line by line which caused not a little merriment. Refreshments of cake and coffee were served. A wedding cake, decorated with 50 golden rose buds with ribbon streamers, was presented to the bride a gift from the Ladies' Aid. Mrs. Niles cut the cake and each guest was provided with a piece.

Many greetings were received by Mr. and Mrs. Niles during the day and evening. A few were added to this report more especially for the absent friends of the family, to whom this account will be of interest.

Early in the evening a telegram came from Mr. Bradley, tendering his congratulations and best wishes; also a line from Eva Martin, who was three years a helper in the Niles home.

A message by special delivery, with substantial check enclosed, came to Mr. and Mrs. Niles from Senator Carroll S. Page. In part, he said: "I do not recall anyone outside of my own town with whom I have traveled along during the 50 years with greater cordiality and friendship than my good friend Niles. I look upon Albert Niles

as a model in patriotism. He served his country faithfully and well and Vermont has recognized that faithfulness by electing him to the head of the Grand Army of our state. That he and his good wife may long live to enjoy the honors which come to them in my sincere wish. On the 10th of January I enter upon my 80th year and it is very pleasant to feel that we are enjoying a double anniversary. My warmest congratulations and best wishes."

Golden Wedding

Fifty full years. Here in the volume of the numbered days, The story, grown, Simple, and sweet, and commonplace, With the accustomed worth of finer things.

Some joys; some fears. And many recollections of the ways Together known, Joining with dignity, to grace The Golden tribute which affections bring.

Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Goodlife.

Friends of our youth when Time was young, And our life-work was scarce begun; Friends still, the same as years unfold, And Time, herself, is growing old. Greetings sincere along life's way, On this, your Golden Wedding Day, Dr. and Mrs. V. M. Hardy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Niles It was ten years ago, this very night, That up to Parker's you took your flight, And after dinner we walked to your home, To find your house lighted from cellar to dome. As we entered there: My! The friends we did meet, There was scarcely room to get a seat. We laughed and chatted, and had such a good time, Before we knew it, it was time to dine. As we bid you "good night" and passed out the door, We wished you anniversaries, many, many more.

Now half a century has passed away, Since Albert and Clara's wedding day. They passed under the arch of the wedding bell, And the blushing bride was dressed so well. That never to Albert's eye was a fairer bride. As with tumbling heart she stood by his side, The pastor pronounced these two as one, And now their responsibilities had just begun.

Now they have lived amongst us for fifty years, And are held in our hearts as friends most dear; Among the oldest families that live in our town, And all their labors have received renown. As a lawyer he is noted for making good pleas, And another fine feature was collecting the fees. Offices of trust this brother has held, Both in Town and State and lodge room as well. Since '65 he has been wearing the blue, He is a veteran bold, loyal and true.

In the Ladies' Aid, she has been at the head, And worked as poor women till we were most dead. But she earned more money than was paid our preacher, And as organizer and leader is her principal feature. In working with Juniors and doing such good work, Never thinking of self, nor wishing to shirk.

Now this half-century couple we are glad to relate, Are worthy members in church and in state. There are more good things could be said on this line, But we cannot stop to mention them on account of time. This we will say before we leave, As Christians that worship, to this church we cleave, May the prayers we offer to the Throne above Be answered in Heaven by the God we love.

Mrs. J. R. Parker.

The committees having charge of this reception given to Mr. and Mrs. Niles by the church were: Decoration, Mrs. Maude Jones, Mrs. Annie Wallace and Mrs. Edna Skinner. They were ably assisted by Leon Terrill.

Invitation, Miss Alma Bugbee. Ushers, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Waite, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Raymore and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Waite.

Program, Mrs. Inez Cornell and Mrs. Carrie Lawson.

Refreshments, Mrs. Mae Wallace, Mrs. Mary Terrill, Mrs. Almada Lamphere and Mrs. Mabel Smith.

The large gathering at the church, the many greetings sent from those who could not be present, the cheerful willingness shown by all in the preparation for this happy event, together with the sum of \$125.50 received by Mr. and Mrs. Niles from the church and other friends, all show the respect and esteem felt for these good people.

Installation of Officers

At the regular meeting of the S. A. Hill Camp S. of V. and Auxiliary, which was held Jan. 10th the following officers were installed. S. of V. officers: Commander, D. P. Whiting; Senior vice-commander, Ralph Davis; Junior vice-commander, Royce Stearns; secretary, William Manchester; treasurer, Ernest Green; patriotic instructor, George Emerson; guide, Arthur Gilbert; chaplain, Frank Ward; color sergeant, John Sweet; guard, Martin Titus; Glenn Sweet; coadjutor, G. S. Purles; son, Irwin Fletcher, Frank Ward.

SALEEBY'S Old Time Clearance Sale

The First Great Shopping Carnival we have held in five years. Begins Thursday, January 19, and will continue until Tuesday, January 31. During these 11 shopping days we offer for sacrifice our entire stock of Men's, Women's and Children's Wearing Apparel.

MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS

\$25.00 Suits—sale price.....\$17.50
\$30.00 Suits—sale price.....\$21.50
\$35.00 Suits—sale price.....\$24.50
\$40.00 Suits—sale price.....\$27.50
\$45.00 Suits—sale price.....\$31.50
A lot of odd Suits, mostly small sizes, from 32 to 38—to close out at.....\$5.98 and \$10.50
These Suits regularly sold from \$18.00 to \$25.00
Many Suits will be closed out at less than those quoted above.

\$25.00 Overcoats—clearance price.....\$16.75
\$30.00 Overcoats—clearance price.....\$20.00
\$35.00 Overcoats—clearance price.....\$23.50
\$39.50 Overcoats—clearance price.....\$26.00
\$45.00 Overcoats—clearance price.....\$29.50
Overcoats at.....\$6.98 and \$11.75
Odd lot of Overcoats, in all sizes, regularly sold from \$20 to \$30; we have divided them into two lots and priced them at.....\$6.98 to \$11.75—wonderful values

MEN'S HEAVY WORK PANTS

Regular \$4.00 Men's Heavy Work Pants—sale price.....\$2.69
Regular \$4.50 Heavy Wool Pants—sale price.....\$2.95
Regular \$5.50 Heavy Wool Pants—sale price.....\$4.39
All Men's Dress Pants will be sold during this sale at 25 percent discount.

BOYS' SUITS

\$10.00 Boys' Suits—sale price.....\$6.50
\$12.50 Boys' Suits—sale price.....\$7.98
\$15.00 Boys' Suits—sale price.....\$10.50
Boys' Suits at.....\$3.75 and \$4.90

BOYS' OVERCOATS

Boys' \$10.00 Overcoats—sale price.....\$6.50
Boys' \$12.50 Overcoats—sale price.....\$7.98
Boys' \$15.00 Overcoats—sale price.....\$9.85
Boys' \$17.50 Overcoats—sale price.....\$11.90
Boys' Overcoats at.....\$3.98

MEN'S AND BOYS' MACKINAWS

\$10.00 Men's Mackinaws—sale price.....\$6.35
\$12.50 Men's Mackinaws—sale price.....\$7.98
\$15.00 Men's Mackinaws—sale price.....\$10.65
\$17.50 Men's Mackinaws—sale price.....\$12.50
\$8.50 Boys' Mackinaws—sale price.....\$4.98
\$10.00 Boys' Mackinaws—sale price.....\$6.35
\$12.50 Boys' Mackinaws—sale price.....\$8.25
Sizes from 6 to 16

MEN'S AND BOYS' SHEEP LINED COATS

Any Sheep Lined Coat in stock will go at 33 percent discount from its former price.

Also included in this sacrifice sale are all Men's, Women's and Children's Sweaters, Underwear and Hosiery, Bathrobes, Night Gowns and Pajamas. Gloves and Mittens and Overshoes. Men's and Boys' Heavy Rubber Footwear, Flannel and Fine Dress Shirts, Hats and Caps and Rubber Boots. Women's Silk and Cotton Petticoats, Muslin Underwear, Gaiters, Bungalow Aprons and House Dresses, Wool Scarfs, and Girls' Dresses. Also Trunks, Suit Cases and Traveling Bags; Bed Blankets, Robe Blankets and Army Blankets and Fur and Plush Robes. (This Store will close on Wednesday, January 18.)

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